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(*b*) the number of vacancies that have been filled up during the above period as per the selection held by the Public Service Commissioner ;

(*c*) whether any of those selected by the Commissioner have not been entertained ; and

(*d*) if the answer to the above part is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of those who were not entertained in the public service ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:

(*a*) Intermediate Division 203
Lower Division 740
(*b*) Intermediate Division 201
Lower Division 737
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) No. As satisfactory reasons have been given for non-entertainment, the statement would serve no public service.

Mr. M. S. Anirudhan : Sir, with references to part (*c*) may I know the reason why the candidates selected by the Public Service Commissioner were not entertained ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The answer is in part (*d*) of the answer. The Public Service Commissioner who is the officer responsible for the administration of the public service recruitment rules has reported that satisfactory reasons have been given for not entertaining them and hence further information has not been called for.

Claims of Ezhava Police Constables for promotion.

88. ✻ **Mr. M. S. Anirudhan :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applicants for the post of Police Inspectors from the Ezhavas from 1-7-1108 to 25-3-1113 ; and

(*b*) whether the claims of any of the Ezhava Constables have been overlooked when certain constables were promoted to the grade of Head Constables in Thulam 1113 ?

Rajyarakshapravina R. Pitchu Aiyangar : (*a*) 28.
(*b*) No.

Particulars re the General Hospital, Trivandrum.

89. ✻ **Mr. M. S. Anirudhan :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of beds in the General Hospital ;

(*b*) the number of in-patients on 25-3-1113 in the General Hospital ;

(*c*) the number of in-patients who were lying on the floor of the fever ward in the General Hospital on 25-3-1113 ;

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(*d*) the average number of the following cases admitted to the Hospital in 1112 as in-patients :—

(i) typhoid ;
(ii) enteric fever ;
(iii) pneumonia ; and
(iv) diptheria ;

(*e*) whether the beds in the General Hospital are full of bugs ;

(*f*) whether bugs serve as agents in spreading disease ;

(*g*) the quantity of blood that may be consumed by a bug in one day ;

(*h*) whether it is advisable to give beds infected with bugs to anaemic patients ;

(*i*) who is responsible for the sanitary conditions and cleanliness of the General Hospital and its premises ;

(*j*) whether the Surgeon General has ever inspected the latrine arrangements in the General Hospital ;

(*k*) whether the General Hospital premises are freely used by the patients for passing their faeces ;

(*l*) whether the duties of applying enema in the in-patients ward and the dressing of wounds to the out-patients are generally allowed to be done by the scavengers and untrained hands ;

(*m*) whether Cascara Sagrada in any form is stocked in the General Hospital and if the answer be in the negative, the reason why ; and

(*n*) whether Cascara Sagrada was included in any of the prescriptions registered in the General Hospital in Karkatakam 1112 or Chingam 1113 ?

Mr. James Simpson (*Surgeon General*) : (*a*) 231.

(*b*) 494.

(*c*) It is not possible to state this. All the serious cases are given cots and only those cases that can safely be kept on the floor without danger are done so.

(*d*) It is not known whether the member means monthly or daily average. The totals treated during the year are :—

(*i*) and (*ii*) 556.
(*iii*) 399.
(*iv*) 4.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) No attempt has been made to estimate this.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) The Resident Medical Officer of the institution.

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[Mr. James Simpson.]

(*j*) Yes.
(*k*) No.
(*l*) No.
(*m*) Yes.

(*n*) Prescriptions are not registered in full and as such the answer is not available.

Mr. M. S. Anirudhan: Referring to part (*m*) of the answer, may I know from the Surgeon-General in what form Cascara Sagrada is kept in the General Hospital?

Mr. James Simpson: As a liquid preparation.

Mr. M. S. Anirudhan: Is there any order issued by the Surgeon-General that this medicine can be dispensed to all patients?

Mr. James Simpson: No.

Petition re flood havoc in certain pakuthies of the Kunnatnad taluk.

10. * **Mr. N. V. Chacko** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a petition, dated the 17th September 1937, from the inhabitants of the Pakuthies of Kizhakkampalam, Kunnatnad, Chemmanad, Trikkakkara and Alwaye in the Kunnatnad taluk pointing out that the cultivation of about 15,000 acres of paddy lands on either side of the Kadapra river is being destroyed annually owing to floods;

(*b*) whether the petition prays for the construction of a dam at some convenient place in the Chullikkat river to prevent such flooding and consequent destruction of the paddy lands; and

(*c*) whether the Government have been pleased to take any action in the matter?

Mr. S Sesha Aiyar: (*a*) Yes, a petition dated 14-9-1937 and not 17-9-1937 has been received.

(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: With reference to part (*c*) of the answer, may I know the nature of the action taken by Gorernment?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: Sir, I don't hear the honourable member.

President: The honourable member will make up his mind to raise his voice a little.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: With reference to part (*c*) of the answer, may I know the nature of the action taken by Government?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: Investigations are being made with a view to remove the flood damages.

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